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SUBJECT: US POSITION ON STATUS OF UN COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA AT
THE LOS CONFERENCE

REF: GENEVA 4794

1. USG POSITION IS THAT, IN UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OR IN
UN CONFERENCES, UNCN SHOULD BE GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS BUT
NOT FULL MEMBERSHIP WITH RIGHT TO VOTE, WHICH IS RESERVED
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2. RULE 62 OF THE LOS RULES OF PROCEDURE READS AS FOLLOWS:
"THE UNCN MAY DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE,
WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE, IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CON-
FERENCE AND THE MAIN COMMITTEES AND, AS APPROPRIATETHE
SUBSYDIARY ORGANS." TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, RULE
62 HAS NEVER BEEN AMENDED BY THE PROCEDURES CALLED FOR IN

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RULE 66 (METHOD OF AMENDMENT). THEREFORE, OUR POSITION IS THAT AMERASINGHE'S RULING OF MAY 23, 1977 WITH RESPECT TO THE UNCN WAS MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE AND WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY ALTER THE RULES OF PROCEDURE.

3. IN MEETING WITH THE WESTERN FIVE, US DELEGATION SHOULD

TAKE THE POSITION OUTLINED IN PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE. IF THE UNCN DOES PARTICIPATE IN ANY VOTE OF THE CONFERENCE, US DELEGATION SHOULD ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THE INTENDED UK STATEMENT. UNLESS US DELEGATION JUDGES THAT TO DO SO WOULD PRECIPITATE A DEBATE OR GENERATE SUPPORT FOR A VOTE ON AMENDING RULE 62, US DELEGATION MAY ALSO INDICATE ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT RULE 62 CONTINUES TO APPLY IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY FORMAL AMENDMENT AS CALLED FOR IN RULE 66.

4. FYI: US HAS NO DESIRE TO PRECIPITATE A DEBATE ON STATUS OF UNCN AT THE LOS CONFERENCE AND THEREFORE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ELABORATE FURTHER ON OUR POSITION TOWARDS NAMIBIA OR THE UNCN. END FYI

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